

and the Capital Gate, an iconic 35 storey gravity defying tower, featuring the 5-star hotel Hyatt at Capital Centre.

Capital Gate leans westward an astonishing 18 degrees; by comparison the Leaning Tower of Pisa leans less than 4 degrees. Because of its unique posture, the tower is being constructed on top of an incredibly dense mesh of reinforced steel. The dense mesh sits above an intensive distribution of 490 piles which have been drilled 30 metres underground to accommodate the gravitational, wind and seismic pressures caused by the lean of the building. Believed to be the world's most inclined building, Capital Gate also features 728 unique custom-made diamond-shaped glazing panels. Due to the structure's curving shape, each pane of glass is different and each will be fitted at a slightly different angle.

A prestigious award

For its commitment to providing the city with world-class facilities for business and its bold plans for the future development of Abu Dhabi as a commercial destination, Adnec recently won the Construction Week's 2008 Project of the Year Award. Now in its fourth year, the prestigious awards recognise outstanding performance in 16 key areas of the construction industry selected by a high profile panel of construction industry experts.

Simon Horgan, ADNEC Group CEO commented: "To be recognised at these prestigious awards is a significant achievement for us as it assists in positioning Abu Dhabi as a world class MICE destination. To be world class involves a team effort, and we thank project architects RMJM for their unique concepts which has enabled us to be one of the most modern exhibition venues in the world." ■

LAS VEGAS. L'AMBIZIOSO PROGETTO MGM MIRAGE

CityCenter Las Vegas: la vertical city da 9 miliardi di dollari

Sarà ultimato alla fine del 2009 l'imponente CityCenter di Las Vegas, il nuovo complesso architettonico progettato dalla MGM Mirage con un investimento che supera i nove miliardi di dollari. Si tratta del più grande progetto nella storia del Nord America interamente realizzato con capitali privati. L'obiettivo è dare vita a una sfavillante vertical city, nuovo punto di riferimento per l'accoglienza di lusso, lo shopping, le terme, la ristorazione, il divertimento e la vita notturna della città di Las Vegas.

"Lo sviluppo del CityCenter segna un momento fondamentale nella nostra vision di creare un'esperienza di vita come nessun'altra a Las Vegas" afferma Terry Lanni, ceo di MGM Mirage. "L'incredibile architettura del CityCenter, insieme alla sua coloratissima offerta di attrazioni, farà di questa città globale un luogo non solo da visitare, ma da vivere a pieno".

LAS VEGAS. THE AMBITIOUS MGM MIRAGE PROJECT

CityCenter Las Vegas: a 9 Billion Dollar Vertical City

The CityCenter is the new building complex, developed by the MGM Mirage, valued at more than \$9 billion, which will open in late 2009 in Las Vegas. City Center is the largest privately financed development in the history of North America. The goal is to create a dazzling vertical city in the heart of Las Vegas' sprawling horizontal grid, with an unmatched array of entertainment, gaming, shopping, dining, spa and nightlife offerings.



Il CityCenter coprirà un'area di 271mila m² e comprenderà Aria, un resort-casino di 61 piani per 4000 camere; tre hotel tra cui il primo Mandarin Oriental di Las Vegas; The Crystals, 45mila m² dedicati a shopping e diverti-

mento; e 2600 residenze extra lusso. Il City Center sarà un ulteriore incentivo al turismo per una città che accoglie annualmente 39,2 milioni di visitatori e si è posta l'obiettivo di attrarne 43 milioni entro il 2010. ■

"The development of City Center marks a significant milestone in our vision to create a living experience like none other in Las Vegas," said Terry Lanni, Chief Executive Officer of MGM Mirage. "The City Center's stunning contemporary architecture coupled with its singular collection of amenities will set this global city apart as a place not just to visit, but to live."

CityCenter will open on 67 acres featuring Aria, a soa-

ring 61-story, 4000-room resort casino; three non-gaming hotels including Las Vegas' first Mandarin Oriental; The Crystals, City Center's 500,000-square-foot retail and entertainment district and approximately 2600 luxury residences. The Las Vegas City Center will be a further incentive to tourism for a city hosting annually 39.2 million visitors, and which has set itself the goal to attract 43 million by 2010. ■



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